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Sept. 7th, 1920.

American Numismatic Society  
New York City.

Dear Sirs:-

I have in my possession a very large collection of ancient coins, mostly Roman, Would like to know if you could furnish me with a cataloge showing dates & etc.

I collected most of these coins while in Germany in the city of Coblenz, and the dealer was unable to furnish me with any information concerning their dates, or origin. Would be very much obliged to you for any information you can furnish. thanking you in advance. I am

Yours very truly.

*Chas. E. Russell*  
*go above firm*

September 11, 1920

Mr. Charles Chesnut  
C/o Wharton Bank & Trust Co.  
Wharton, Texas

My dear Sir:

The field of ancient coins is altogether too large for any one book to cover successfully. As a matter of fact, the most complete list of Roman coins which has ever been published occupies eight thick octavo volumes, and is by no means perfect as there are many pieces which it does not list. In addition, it only covers the Roman coins of the Imperial period, and does not include those issued under the Republic previous to the establishment of the Empire.

A very helpful guide to beginners in the study of Roman coins may be found in the second edition of a Catalogue of coins published originally by J. W. Scott, and known as 'Catalogue of Copper Coins of the World'. This is out of print, but one of the New York dealers - the New York Coin & Stamp Company, 912 Sixth Avenue - still has some copies on sale. I think they are \$1.50 a piece. Should you desire to purchase this, be sure and ask for the edition which contains the supplement relating to Roman Imperial copper coins. Of course, this list does not include any of the gold or silver pieces.

As you probably know, Roman coins did not bear dates in the modern sense but we can trace the period of their issue by knowing the years of the reign of the Emperor under whom they were issued. It is true, however, that sometimes the coins indicate in which year of the of-the Emperor's reign they were minted, and thus the date can be fairly accurately determined.

Very truly yours,